Case Scenario A RAFAEL

Rafael, 29, after serving two tours in Iraq, was given an honorable discharge. He has been back in the States for two years and lives in Colorado. Since returning, Rafael has had a hard time keeping a job and this has caused conflict with his wife. Six months ago, she accused him of having an affair and threw him out of their home. She filed for divorce, which was granted. Rafael was ordered to pay $600/month in child support for Maria, 3, who was born while Rafael was in Iraq.

Rafael is currently working 20 hours/week at a job that pays $9/hour—for a gross income of $720/month (20% AMI). As a result of the child support payments, Rafael was unable to pay his rent. He has been on a month-to-month lease in an efficiency that cost $550/month. After two months of non-payment, the landlord gave him a written 30 day notice to vacate. That was 10 days ago.

Rafael's parents died in a car accident five years ago. He has one married sister in Alaska who has told him he could move in with her temporarily, but Rafael's number one goal is to gain joint custody of Maria—or at least to be able to continue regular visitation—so he won't leave the state. He has no other friends in his city—most of his army buddies live in other states. Rafael has $128 in a checking account. He sold his car last month; the proceeds went to his child support obligation.

Rafael has no criminal history or history of homelessness. He denies he has any disabling condition.

The SSVF Program where he is applying for assistance has a Threshold Score of 22.

Case Scenario B: Lynda

Lynda, 37, received a medical discharge earlier this year when she was diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer. She received surgery and chemotherapy six months ago, and the doctors are cautiously optimistic. However, she is still not able to work and has had zero income for 6 months (before that, her income was $30,000), 18% AMI in past 12 months.

She exhausted all of her savings and has been unable to pay rent for the past three months. Her landlord has finally filed for eviction and Housing Court has issued the order. Lynda and her two children (Mattie, 5, and Sam, 7) have to be out in 10 days. With nowhere to go, so she has already called a homeless shelter to find out how she and her family can get a room and the shelter referred her to the SSVF program for possible homelessness prevention support. Lynda's parents live in a senior apartment building and they are not allowed to let her stay with them. Right now the family is dependent on groceries donated by her church.

If a screening topic is not otherwise stated, assume Lynda does not meet that criteria.

Threshold Score for the SSVF program where Lynda is applying: 11

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION OPTIONS

Client: Rafael

Potential Goals:

Action Steps:

Resources:

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION OPTIONS

Client: Lynda

Potential Goals:

Action Steps:

Resources: